

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

KOBAYASHI ET AL.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 02-06-06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-7, 11-12, 17-28, Renumbered as 1-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 2-7, 11-12, and 17-28 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art Kobayashi et al (US 6,862,019 B2) fails to teach the coordinate input apparatus, wherein **the predetermined coordinate values are first effective coordinate values during a continuous input period in which coordinate input is continuously executed, and the apparatus further comprises storage means for storing the first effective position coordinates calculated by the calculation means during the continuous input period as the predetermined coordinate values** as claimed in Claims 2, 17, 22.

The prior art Kobayashi et al (US 6,862,019 B2) fails to teach the coordinate input apparatus, wherein **a display apparatus overlaps on the coordinate input apparatus, and the first axis defines a normal direction to a display area plane of the display apparatus, and the second and third axes define the display area plane of the display apparatus** as claimed in Claims 3, 18, 23.

The prior art Kobayashi et al (US 6,862,019 B2) fails to teach the coordinate input apparatus, wherein **the coordinate output form further includes a relative coordinate processing output form in which at least a differential coordinate value between the coordinate value of the second axis and the predetermined coordinate value is multiplied and output** as claimed in Claims 4, 19, 24.

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Also, prior arts Kobayashi et al (US 6,862,019 B2) fails to teach the coordinate input apparatus, wherein **switch state determination means for determining operative states of a plurality of switches of the coordinate input pointing tool, and the coordinate output control means for outputting the position coordinates or the differential coordinate values between the position coordinates and the predetermined coordinates or inhibits output of the position coordinates on the basis of the determination result of the determination means and a determination result of the switch state determination means** as claimed in Claims 11,20,25.

Also, prior arts Kobayashi et al (US 6,862,019 B2) fails to teach the coordinate input apparatus, wherein **the predetermined coordinates are first effective coordinate values during a continuous input period in which coordinate input is continuously executed, and the apparatus further comprises storage means for storing the first effective position coordinates calculated by the calculation means during the continuous input period as the predetermined coordinates** as claimed in Claims 12,21,26.

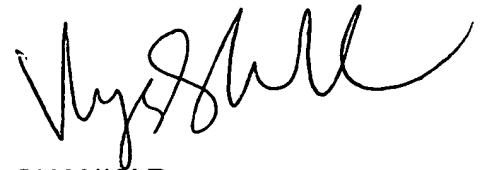
The closest prior art, Kobayashi et al (US 6,862,019 B2), either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above bold and underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VIJAY SHANKAR whose telephone number is (571) 272-7682. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BIPIN SHALWALA can be reached on (571) 272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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